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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Support
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science & Technology
Deputy to the DCI for NIPE

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support in Crisis Situations

1. The following general instructions are designed to provide complete and around-the-clock CIA intelligence support to the White House and other agencies during tactical crisis situations. Emergency measures will be implemented when the Director determines that a crisis exists, and will continue in force until he determines it has ended. The Office of the Director will be kept informed of emergency actions taken.

2. The CIA Operations Center (OPSCEN) located in the OCI area will operate in task force style on a 24-hour basis, and will be CIA's focal point for intelligence from all sources and components. A task force chief, designated by the Deputy Director for Intelligence, will be responsible for assuring that intelligence flows quickly and smoothly to the OPSCEN and is disseminated promptly to appropriate Agency officials. The OPSCEN will maintain 24-hour telephone and teletype communications to the White House, NMCC, State Operations Center, and other information or policy offices.

25X1A 3. Simplified and automatic electronic dissemination of cabled intelligence, in a format substantially similar to that described in [redacted] (attached), may be adopted on recommendation by the DD/P to the Director for final approval. The OPSCEN, Cable Secretariat, Intelligence Watch, and Area Division will coordinate efforts to speed the flow of information.

4. All Agency officers concerned in the crisis will work together for fast dissemination of critical intelligence, in developing assessments of the situation and outlook, and in making recommendations for operational action as well as intelligence collection. The Collection Guidance

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Staff will continue responsible for spotting information gaps and recommending special collection efforts.

5. In coordination with the Director of Communications and the Cable Secretariat, the task force chief will make sure that communications are properly screened and promptly delivered to the Office of the Director and OPSCEN. He will also insure fast and direct communications between OPSCEN and such special collection centers as [REDACTED] operations room. An officer authorized to release cables will be available in OPSCEN at all times.

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6. Each Deputy Director will designate a senior officer to expedite his directorate's support to OPSCEN in the crisis. Deputy Directors will maintain rosters of senior officers for around-the-clock duty as directed by DCI or DDCI. The Executive Director will prepare a list of the Agency's top officers who, after approval by the Director, will be empowered to act in his behalf during periods when neither the Director, Deputy Director, nor Executive Director are available.

7. The Director of Personnel will keep current lists of language and area specialists, communicators, intelligence generalists, and others qualified either for TDY abroad or for temporary detail to the NMCC, State Operations Center, U.S. military forces, or similar emergency assignments. The Director's determination that a crisis exists will automatically assign top priority to such personnel needs, which will be met without regard to career designations.

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8. The Deputy Director for Support and Intelligence, with advice from other Deputy Directors, will assure that adequate support from couriers, clerical personnel, printers, graphics specialists, communications personnel, vehicles, etc., is available around the clock throughout the crisis.

9. Divisions and staffs of the Clandestine Services and collection components of the DD/I and DD/S&T will make such internal arrangements as are necessary to support OPSCEN's role as central clearing point for crisis intelligence. This may include setting up division or staff situation rooms and arranging emergency communications with normal contacts.

10. Sensitive information on existing or planned operations (as opposed to intelligence) need not flow through OPSCEN, but may be brought directly to the office of the Director when appropriate.

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11. Nothing in these instructions is intended to encourage requests for increases in personnel or budgetary ceilings. If such requests prove inevitable despite careful planning, they should be presented through normal channels.

(Signed) W. F. Raborn

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